

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claims 21 and 33.
2. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 21 and 33 have been amended to recite that in view of a vertical direction with respect to a surface of the insulating substrate, the pixel electrode, the interlayer insulating film, the light-shielding film, and the signal line are provided in this order. The amendment is amply supported by the original disclosure, including the drawings.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

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Serial No. 10/717,917

Atty Dkt: 1035-482
Art Unit: 2629

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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